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STAN STATHAM RUNNING FOR LG ON ONE ISSUE.

GOP Assemblyman Stan Statham of Oak Run in Shasta County may not be a household name just yet, but by this time next year, if he wins the GOP nomination for Lt. Governor, most everyone in Calif. will know who he is. Statham is the lawmaker who wants to *split Calif. into three separate States...*

...So far, at least, Statham does not have any GOP opposition in his quest to win the LG nomination. However, others have been mentioned as possible contenders, including State Senators Bill Leonard and Cathie Wright. State Sen. Frank Hill had planned to run, but the Feds have made that almost impossible. Both Leonard and Wright would have *free rides* if they decided to run in 1994. But whether they could beat Statham in a GOP primary is questionable, considering the issue he brings to the table is one with lots of appeal and he's the only CA politician associated with it. In a way, Statham is very much like Jerry Brown in 1974 with the single issue of *campaign reform* - which swept Brown into office. Splitting the State could have the same impact...

...And remember this: the issue of splitting the State will be on the November 1994 ballot as an advisory measure. Thus Statham, who is a moderate on social issues, would be formidable opponent who would get loads of publicity in a race that normally goes begging for news media coverage...

...However, there are some questions about Statham's candidacy. Can he raise a warchest to promote both himself and his issue? Fundraising has never been one of Stan's strong points (because he's never had a tough race). And if you think Southern Calif. **water interests** are going to sit on the sidelines in this battle over splitting the State in three, guess again. Unless some solid water guarantees are built into Statham's proposal,

there could be *considerable opposition*. As for campaign management, Statham's wife, Lovie, handles this for him. Sources suggest that Statham had better get some professional help in 1994, especially with two major campaigns being waged at the same time...

...In terms of a general election battle, some sources believe that despite having a ton of money, Demo Controller Gray Davis, who is leaving the safety of his office to run for LG, could find himself in a very uncomfortable position of running for his life against a candidate with an issue that won't quit. Stay tuned...

NAFTA: HOT BUTTON ISSUE IN CALIF. POLITICS.

Editor's note: NAFTA, or the North American Free Trade Agreement, could be one of the hottest political issues to hit Calif. in some time --- hotter than taxes or abortion. CALPEEK called all 52 U.S. House members in Washington D.C. for this report to find out where they stood. Here's our update...

...On Sept. 14th Pres. Bill Clinton kicked off his drive to win approval of NAFTA with a White House signing ceremony of the side agreements, witnessed by former Presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford --- all in support. But there's no doubt Clinton and NAFTA supporters have an uphill fight to win approval of this agreement, which will mean a free trading zone between the U.S., Canada and Mexico. A nationwide poll taken in early July for CNN/USA Today showed only 28% in favor and 65% opposed, with a small 7% undecided...

...In Calif., S.F.-based Charlton Research did a NAFTA poll of 800 registered Calif. voters in late June. 49% were in favor, 30% opposed and 21% undecided...

...In terms of how our Calif. congressional delegation

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will vote in early December (when NAFTA is scheduled for a vote), U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein(D) and Barbara Boxer(D) are **opposed** at this point. This isn't good news for Clinton, but sources have said all along the agreement should have an easier time passing in the Senate --- with considerable help from Republicans...

...In the House, the situation isn't clear, but sources suspect the opponents are probably ahead right now. In terms of Calif.'s 52 members, CALPEEK's survey showed 15 yes, 18 no and 19 undecided. The S.F. Chronicle released its own count Sept. 15 which showed 16 yes, 19 no and 17 undecided. Here is CALPEEK's count:

- **Demos YES:** Beilenson, Dooley, Fazio & Matsui...

- **GOP YES:** Calvert, Cox, Dornan, Dreier, Horn, Huffington, Lewis, McCandless, Packard, Rohrabacher & Thomas...

- **Demos NO:** Condit, Dellums, Dixon, Edwards, Farr, Filner, Hamburg, Harman, Lantos, Martinez, Miller, Schenk, Stark, Tucker, Waters & Woolsey...

- **GOP NO:** Hunter & McKeon...

- **Demos Undecided:** Becerra, Berman, Brown, Eshoo, Lehman, Mineta, Pelosi, Roybal-Allard, Torres & Waxman...

- **GOP Undecided:** Baker, Cunningham, Doolittle, Gallegly, Herger, Kim, Moorhead, Pombo & Royce...

...In the S.F. Chronicle's count, Becerra is a NO, Lehman is a NO, Pombo is a YES and Waters is undecided. Other than that, the counts are in agreement...

...Because House Whip David Bonior(D-Michigan) is *leading the opposition*, CA's U.S. Rep. Bob Matsui(D-Sacto) has been named chair of the House NAFTA Liaison Group. That essentially means that Matsui is the whip for supporters on this vote...

...Politically, Feinstein's NO position is at odds with the stance of two GOP U.S. Senate rivals in 1994, U.S. Reps. Chris Cox of Orange Co. and Michael Huffington of Santa Barbara. This will undoubtedly have consequences next year's campaign. But make no mistake,

NAFTA is *not* a partisan issue because Demos & GOPers are split all over the place...

...FYI: In the Nov. 2nd special election in the 40th State Senate District in San Diego, sources say Demo Assemblyman Steve Peace plans to make NAFTA a **wedge issue**. He is totally opposed to NAFTA. On Friday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be a major conference on NAFTA in the State Capitol, sponsored by UC Davis. For info (800)752-0881. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Kathleen Brown's Worst Nightmare** - Have any idea of what it might be? How about this: one month before the June 1994 primary, brother Jerry Brown announces that he will be running against U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) as an *independent candidate* in November of 1994. What impact would this have on Kathleen's own primary? What would it do to DiFi in November? Nightmare only, because sources say Jerry has decided to run for president again in 1996...

- **Roberti For Treasurer** - Senate Pres. Pro Tem David Roberti(D-Van Nuys) will announce the formation of an exploratory committee for Treasurer within the next week or so. Roberti, who can't seek reelection because of term limits, will thus become the 2nd major Demo in the race for State Treasurer -- the other one being former CDP Chair Phil Angelides...

- **Clinton's Gas Tax** - Pres. Bill Clinton's new tax on gasoline will contribute about \$40 million a year to the State treasury, according to CALPEEK sources. If it's a federal tax, how does Calif. stand to make \$40 million? Because the new federal tax is added to the total price --- then the total price is subject to CA State Sales Tax. And remember, if Calif. voters approve Prop. 172, that extra 1/2 cent is extended indefinitely...

- **Huffington Huddles** - Seen about two weeks ago at Dawson's at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacto were U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington(R-Santa Barbara) with key members of Gov. Pete Wilson's inner circle of advisors. On Sept. 14, Huffington formally announced his intent to run for the U.S. Senate in 1994. Included

at the lunch were COS Bob White, Asst. COS George Dunn and top Wilson political strategist Joe Shumate. Accompanying Huffington were former campaign consultant Carlos Rodriguez and longtime confidant Bruce Nestande. Wonder what they were talking about???

- **NO on 174 GOPers** - Some well known Republican names were on a list released by the anti-voucher committee just prior to the CA Republican Party's semi-annual convention in Anaheim Sept. 17. On the NO on 174 list were State Senators Bob Beverly, Marian Bergeson and Bill Craven; and Assemblymembers Doris Allen, Robert Frazee, Chuck Quackenbush, Dick Rainey, Stan Statham, Paul Woodruff, Ted Weggeland, Nao Takasugi, Fred Aguiar and Jan Goldsmith. Also on the list was L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan. This list was supplied by the NO on 174 committee...

40th S.D. UPDATE: GOP TO BACK GHOUASSIAN.

Editor's note: Filing for this special election to replace retired State Sen. Wadie Deddeh(D-Chula Vista) ends on Sept. 20th. Here is CALPEEK's update...

...As of CALPEEK's deadline, there were 6 candidates in the Nov. 2nd special. On the Demo side, the list is headed by Assemblyman Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista), the frontrunner in this special. The other Demo who has filed is Black community newspaper publisher John Warren. Warren ran for the Assembly a few years ago against former Demo Assemblyman Peter Chacon. Sources say Warren's entry into this contest will probably prevent Peace from capturing a majority of the vote, thus a Dec. 28th runoff *would appear likely*...

...On the Republican side, the picture is not totally clear just yet, but there seems to be a major push to get behind Joe Ghougassian, who ran against Randy Cunningham for the U.S. House in a GOP primary a few years back. Ghougassian is the former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar (located in the Persian Gulf). He is the unanimous choice of the GOP Senate Caucus and just recently won an endorsement from the San Diego Co. GOP Central Cmt. His main competition will come from Murial Watson, a GOP activist who is best known for her "Light Up the Border" stunts to call attention to all the illegals coming across the border. She ran against Deddeh 4 years ago, so she has some name ID.

The other Republican in the race is Daniel Clark. The 6th person in the race is P&F candidate Dennis Terrill...

...FYI: Look for the Calif. Republican Party to become **deeply involved** in this race in an attempt to pull a major upset. The district has a 49.04% Demo vs. 35.04% GOP registration, but when this seat is up again in November of 1994, GOP registration will increase slightly. The key to this race, according to several sources, will be the absentee voters. One other point: this race will be a major test for State Sen. Bill Lockyer, who hopes to replace David Roberti as the Senate President Pro Tem. Stay tuned...

NOFZINGER TO ADDRESS LINCOLN CLUB SEPT. 27.

GOP political strategist Lyn Nofzinger will be the guest speaker when the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the Lincoln Club meets at 7:30 a.m., Sept. 27, Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel. RSVPs a must. Call Natalie Blanning (818)919-7497...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: 2 MORE GET GO AHEAD.

Editor's note: The Sec. of State's office has given the okay for yet a 3rd measure dealing with CA's budget to begin a petition drive; and for the 4th time, Norman Bedford is attempting to qualify his initiative dealing with attorney's fees...

- **"State Budget Enactment,"** is the official title of this constitutional amendment by Jack C. Livingood of San Jose (408)629-7615. If approved, it would prohibit the governor and legislature from reelection at the next general election, special election if a budget is not enacted by the June 30th deadline. The measure also requires a "zero based," "balanced budget" for the fiscal year and if this is not done, the governor and members of the legislature would be forced to fork over 2-days pay & benefits for each day the budget bill is not enacted. Livingood needs to collect 615,958 signatures by Jan. 19th...

- **"Reasonable Attorney's Fees"** is the official title of a statute by Norman Bedford of Healdsburg. The measure says, "The prevailing party in all civil law cases shall, as part of the judgment, be awarded reasonable attorney's fees." Bedford has until Jan. 28 to collect 384,974 signatures to qualify for the June 1994 ballot. Stay tuned...

CONTROLLER TUTTLE TO DISCUSS L.A. BUDGET.

L.A. City Controller Rick Tuttle will discuss the L.A. municipal budget at the Sept. 29th luncheon meeting of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum. L.A. Times columnist Bill Boyarsky is also on the program. Reception 11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. This program is co-sponsored by Parsons Brinckerhoff and Hill & Knowlton. For info, contact Emma Schafer at (310)445-8862...

BENNETT TO DISCUSS VOUCHERS SEPT. 28th.

Former U.S. Educ. Sec. William Bennett will discuss Prop. 174 - the school voucher initiative on the Nov. 2nd ballot - when he addresses members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Sept. 28, Rose Room, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. For info and RSVPs (415)597-6705...

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL ELECTION SET FOR SEPT. 21st.

Editor's note: The council election in Calif.'s second largest city is set for Tuesday, Sept. 21. All the incumbents, except for Judy McCarty in the 7th District, have decided to retire rather than seek reelection. Here is our update...

- **1st District** - Some tracking polls taken the week before the election show the favorites to be Harry Mathis and Peter Navarro, who ran for mayor last year, but came in second. Both have about 25% in the track, but Navarro dropped just a bit. The 3rd person in the race to watch is Dee Rich. She had about 10%, but was moving upward. All three will have enough money to make an impact on election day. Mathis won the endorsement of the La Jolla Light, which is helpful in this kind of race...

- **3rd District** - This is a solid Demo district and the two leading contenders are community college trustee Evonne Schulze and the former aide to Councilman John Hartley, Chris Kehoe. Most sources think these are the two to watch, although some think that former CHPer Ben Killingsworth has an outside chance to slip in...

- **5th District** - San Diego sources rate community newspaper publisher Barbara Warden as the frontrunner, with community college trustee Fred Colby as a second place finisher. Villa Mills, a third well known candidate, was embarrassed by a report that she has not voted in an election since June of 1988...

- **7th District** - This is the race everyone is focused on. Incumbent Judy McCarty is the favorite against community planner April Boiling, but you get the feeling that McCarty may not win this in the primary. There is a third person in the race. However, a recent poll in the San Diego Daily Transcript showed McCarty with 51% to 18% for Boiling and 7% for Marko LiMandri. In addition, McCarty has outspent Boiling by about 4-to-1. As one source put it, "This is Judy's race to win or lose." Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Veteran GOP campaign consultant Ken Khachigian has become "Of Counsel" to The PBN Co. of Calif. and R&R Advertising of Nevada & Utah...

- Campaign consultant Joy Howell has become a full partner in California Communicators, an L.A. based campaign/PA/issues management firm. Howell was the deputy campaign mgr. of the successful NO on 166 campaign in 1992. Current CC owner Rob Rice and staff will move to a new HQ at 6433 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Ste. 412, Warner Center, CA 91303. Phone is (818)346-3413...

- R. Brian Kidney, recently retired as chief clerk to the State Assembly, has joined The Gualco Group in Sacto as a consultant...

- The Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger has changed its name to Stoorza, Ziegaus, Metzger & Hunt - reflecting the addition of Dennis Hunt as sr. exec. vp and COO. In addition, Carey Chatfield and Tina Tingus were promoted to acct. coordinators...

- A sad note: longtime lobbyist, James D. Garibaldi, died Sept. 10th in Sacto. He was 87. He was one of CA's most successful and powerful lobbyists. R.I.P...

- The Primacy Group of San Diego has been named to manage the \$1.9 billion CA parks & wildlife bond measure which will be on the November 1994 ballot...

- Nelson & Lucas Communications has hired Kim Smith as an admin. coordinator; Pam Kalinoski as an asst. AE; and Steve Moore as an asst. AE...